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ENERGY CONSERVATION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the main features of Energy Conservation Act, 2001;

(b) whether auto industry has been left out of the ambit of the said Act;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the manner in which it would affect energy efficiency in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) : The Energy Conservation Act, 2001 has been enacted to provide statutory measure for efficient use of energy and its conservation and for the matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. The Act empowers the Central Government and the State Governments to:

Notify energy intensive industries, other establishments, and commercial buildings as designated consumers.
Establish and prescribe energy consumption norms and standards for designated consumers.
Direct designated consumers to −
Designate or appoint certified energy manager in charge of activities for efficient use of energy and its conservation.
Get an energy audit conducted by an accredited energy auditor in the specified manner and intervals of time.
Furnish information with regard to energy consumed and action taken on the recommendation of the accredited energy auditor to the designated agency.
Comply with energy consumption norms and standards, and if not so, to prepare and implement schemes for efficient use of energy and its conservation.
Prescribe energy conservation building codes for efficient use of energy and its conservation in commercial buildings.
State Governments to amend the energy conservation building codes to suit regional and local climatic conditions.
Direct owners or occupiers of commercial buildings to comply with the provisions of energy conservation building codes. # Direct mandatory display of label on notified equipment and appliances.
Specify energy consumption standards for notified equipment and appliance.
Prohibit manufacture, sale, purchase and import of notified equipment and appliances not conforming to standards.

The Energy Conservation Act, 2001 defines the powers of the State Government to facilitate and enforce efficient use of energy and its conservation. The State Governments have to designate State Designated Agencies in consultation with the Bureau of Energy Efficiency to coordinate, regulate and enforce the provisions of the Act in the State. Thus the State Designated Agencies are the strategic partners for promotion of energy efficiency and its conservation in the country.

(b) : No, sir.

(c) & (d) : Do not arise.